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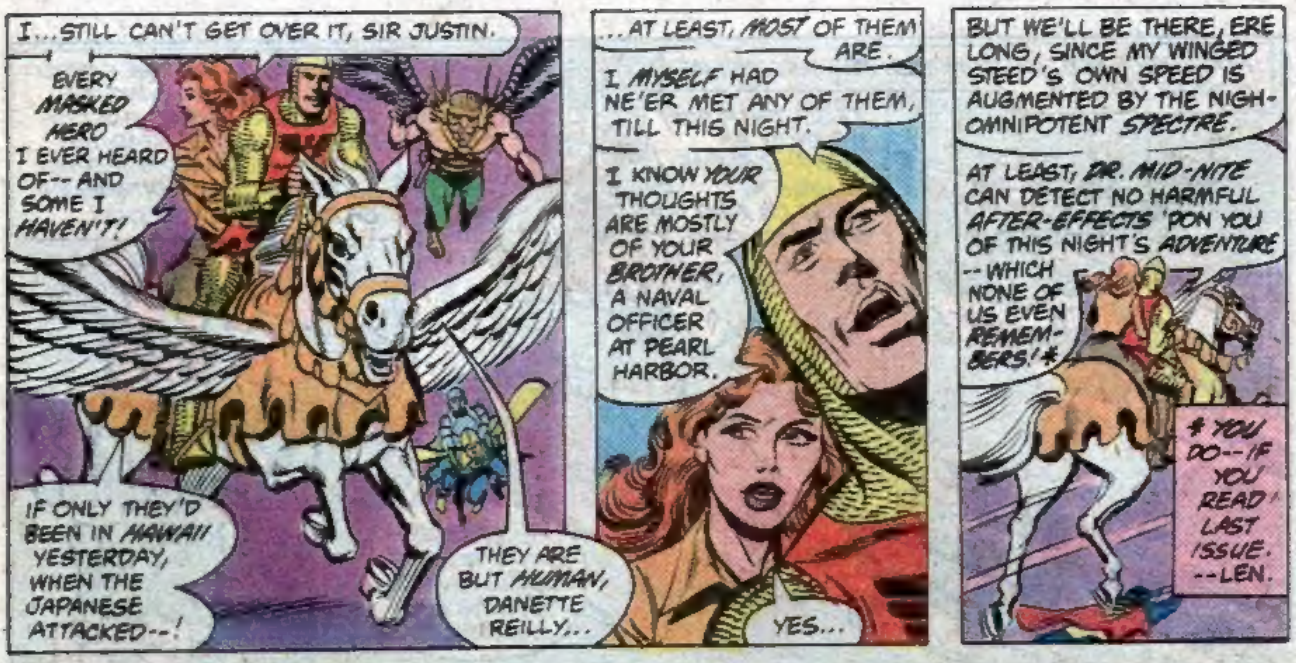
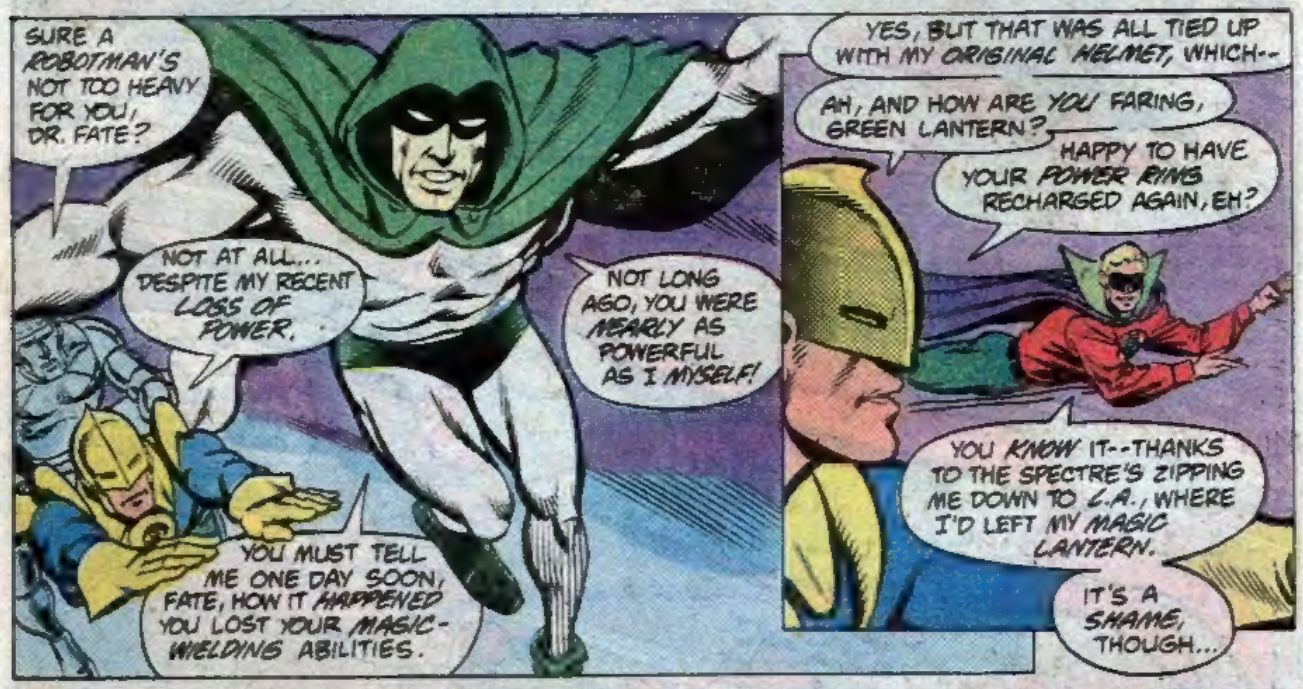

I...STILL CAN'T GET OVER IT, SIR JUSTIN.
EVERY MASKED HERO I EVER HEARD OF-- AND SOME I HAVEN'T!
IF ONLY THEY'D BEEN IN HAWAII YESTERDAY, WHEN THE JAPANESE ATTACKED--!
THEY ARE BUT HUMAN, DANETTE REILLY...
...AT LEAST, MOST OF THEM ARE.
I MYSELF HAD NE'ER MET ANY OF THEM, TILL THIS NIGHT.
I KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ARE MOSTLY OF YOUR BROTHER, A NAVAL OFFICER AT PEARL HARBOR.
YES...
BUT WE'LL BE THERE, ERE LONG, SINCE MY WINGED STEED'S OWN SPEED IS AUGMENTED BY THE NIGH-OMNIPOTENT SPECTRE.
AT LEAST, DR. MID-NITE CAN DETECT NO HARMFUL AFTER-EFFECTS 'PON YOU OF THIS NIGHT'S ADVENTURE --WHICH NONE OF US EVEN REMEMBERS!#
YOU DO--IF YOU READ LAST ISSUE. --LEN.


SURE A ROBOTMAN'S NOT TOO HEAVY FOR YOU, DR. FATE?
NOT AT ALL... DESPITE MY RECENT LOSS OF POWER.
NOT LONG AGO, YOU WERE NEARLY AS POWERFUL AS I MYSELF!
YOU MUST TELL ME ONE DAY SOON, FATE, HOW IT HAPPENED YOU LOST YOUR MAGIC-WIELDING ABILITIES.
YES, BUT THAT WAS ALL TIED UP WITH MY ORIGINAL HELMET, WHICH--
AH, AND HOW ARE YOU FARING, GREEN LANTERN?
HAPPY TO HAVE YOUR POWER RING RECHARGED AGAIN, EH?
YOU KNOW IT--THANKS TO THE SPECTRE'S ZIPPING ME DOWN TO L.A., WHERE I'D LEFT MY MAGIC LANTERN.
IT'S A SHAME, THOUGH...

"...THAT PLASTIC MAN COULDN'T COME WITH US TO PEARL, BUT LIKE HE SAID:
SORRY, GUYS AND GALS, BUT AS AN FBI AGENT, I'M JUST A SALARIED EMPLOYEE OF UNCLE SAM.
GOTTA REPORT BACK TO THE PREZ, TO TELL HIM HIS IDEA OF THE ALL-STAR SQUADRON IS GONNA BE AMERICA'S GREATEST ASSET SINCE APPLE PIE!
YEAH! TALK ABOUT UNTAPPED NATURAL RESOURCES!
YOU TOO, PHANTOM LADY?
I'M ACHING TO FLY WEST WITH YOU BOYS.
BUT RIGHT NOW, I'VE GOT A WORRIED FATHER BACK IN FRISCO--
--AND I DON'T WANT HIM TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK OVER HIS POOR, HELPLESS DAUGHTER!

WITH YOU JSAERS FREE AGAIN, ALL OF A SUDDEN I FEEL LIKE A 500-POUND WEAKLING!
FROM WHAT I KNOW OF YOU, MAN OF METAL, YOU CAN CERTAINLY-- AS MORTALS SAY--PULL YOUR WEIGHT.
HEY, WONDER WOMAN! LONG TIME, NO SEE!
ARE JOHNNY THUNDER AND HIS MYSTIC THUNDERBOLT KEEPING YOU ENTERTAINED UP THERE?
SHE'S A FANTASTIC LADY, GL, WITH HER MAGICAL PLANE AND LASSO-- RIGHT, THUNDY?
INDEED, MASTER JOHN.
WHY, THANK YOU -- BOTH!
Y'KNOW, WE GOTTA GET YOU INTO THE JUSTICE SOCIETY ONE OF THESE FINE DAYS!
AS ONE NEW TO SO-CALLED MAN'S WORLD, JOHNNY--
--I'M JUST PROUD TO BE PART OF THE ALL-STAR SQUADRON!
YOU OKAY, HAWKMAN? WE'VE LOGGED A LOT OF HOURS IN THE AIR TOGETHER SINCE I JOINED THE JSA--
--AND SOMEHOW, I'VE GOT A HUNCH IT'S NOT JUST THE DISASTER AT PEARL HARBOR THAT'S GOT YOU SO GLUM.
THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH, STARMAN-- BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S MY FIANCEE-- SHIERA SANDERS!
SHE WAS OFF ON AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG IN THE YUCATAN WHEN ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE YESTERDAY MORNING IN HAWAII--
--AND I KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT AXIS ACTIVITY IN MEXICO FROM WHEN I WAS DOWN THERE BEFORE * TO BE CONCERNED.
HMMM... SOUNDS LIKE A MEXICAN HOLIDAY COMING UP FOR YOU AND HER, WHEN WE GET BACK.
I HOPE THAT'S ALL IT IS, OLD BUDDY.
*ALL-STAR COMICS #9, 1941. --LEN.
I JUST CAN'T GET OVER IT, FLASH-- MEETING MY IDOL AFTER SO MANY MONTHS OF BEING A SPEED-KING MYSELF!
THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE, JOHNNY QUICK-- IF YOU'RE GOOD.
AND THE WAY I HEAR IT-- YOU ARE!
NOT TOO SHABBY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF... AND I DO.
YOU AND I'LL HAVE TO PULL THE STOPS OUT SOME-TIME SOON, HUH?
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THE MAN OF STEEL'S REVERIE, HOWEVER, IS INTERRUPTED BY THE YOUNG GEOLOGIST WHO RIDES BEHIND THE SHINING KNIGHT.
I DON'T MEAN TO COMPLAIN -- BUT AS FAST AS WE'RE GOING, SHOULDN'T WE BE THERE BY NOW?
JUST A FEW MORE MINUTES, MISS REILLY.
SUPERMAN AND THESE OTHERS HAVE BEEN HOLDING BACK, LASS... SO THAT WE COULD KEEP UP THE PACE.
I BUT WISH WE COULD REMEMBER THE PRECISE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH BROUGHT ALL TWENTY OF US TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY.
'TIS MOST PASSING STRANGE THAT WE DO NOT--
WAIT! METHINKS I DO SPY LAND UP AHEAD!.
COULD IT BE OAHU -- THE ISLAND WHERE PEARL HARBOR'S LOCATED?
IT COULD BE -- AND IT IS! I CAN MAKE IT OUT--
SUPERMAN! WITH YOUR TELESCOPIC VISION -- YOU MUST ALREADY HAVE SEEN WHAT'S UP AHEAD.
COULDN'T YOU HAVE -- WARNED US, SOMEHOW?
GOOD LORD! IT'S -- INCREDIBLE!
NO MERE WORDS OF MINE, HAWKMAN, COULD HAVE PREPARED YOU OR THE OTHERS...
...FOR WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE!
SMOKE -- STILL BILLOWING UPWARD FROM WHAT MUST BE A BURNING, CAPSIZED BATTLE-SHIP!
YOU WERE RIGHT NOT TO TELL US IN ADVANCE, SUPERMAN.
NOTHING YOU COULD HAVE SAID WOULD HAVE CUSHIONED THE SHOCK OF SEEING --
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CHAPTER TWO:
AFTERMATH OF INFAMY!
--THIS!
WITH HIS OWN EYES, FAR BEYOND ANY WHICH EVER EVOLVED ON EARTH, SUPERMAN HAS ALREADY WITNESSED AND EXAMINED FROM AFAR THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION WHICH WILL FOREVER BE KNOWN IN HISTORY AS..."PEARL HARBOR."
EVEN THE VAST-POWERED SPECTRE, HOWEVER, PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER THINGS, HAS NOT...
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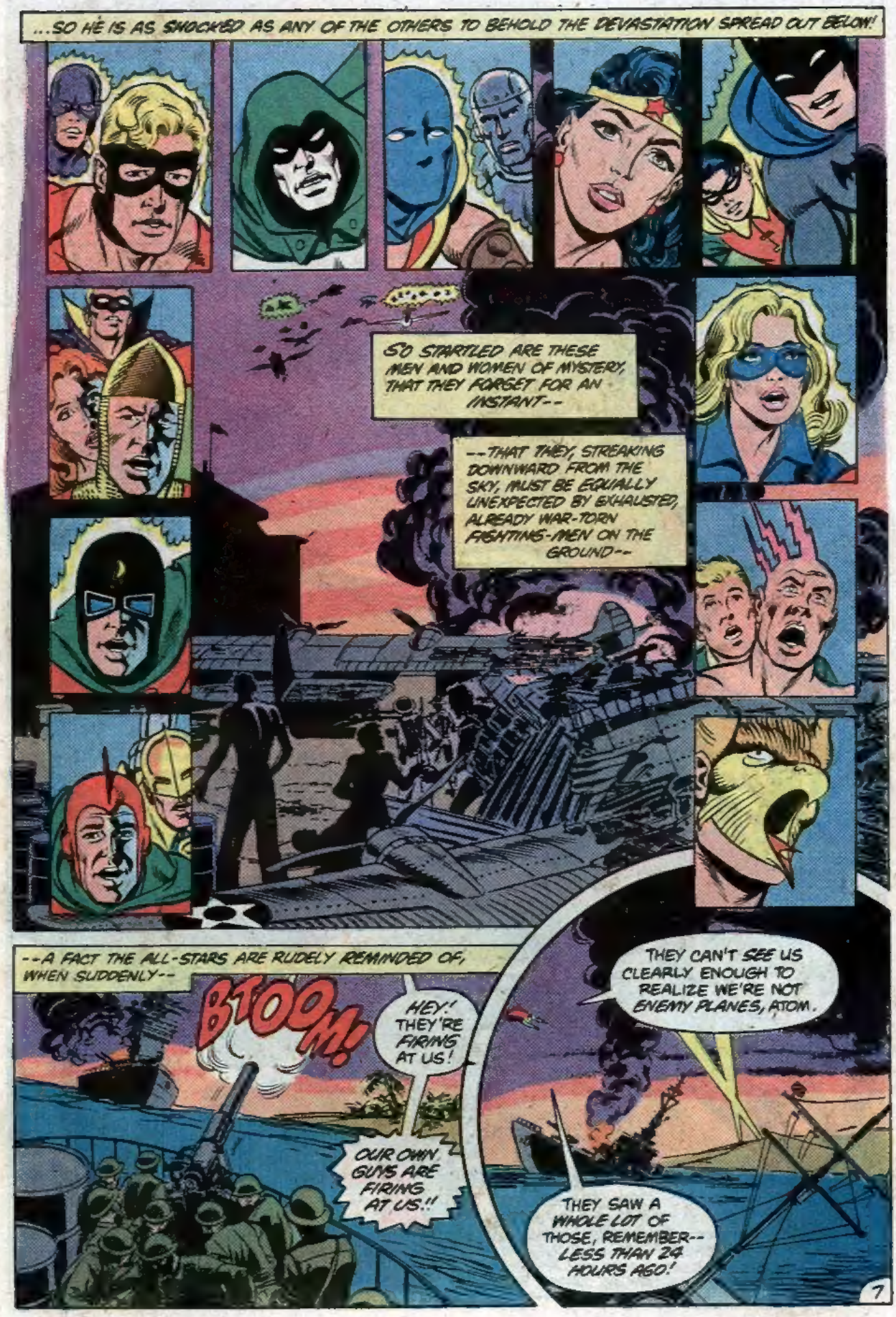
...SO HE IS AS SHOCKED AS ANY OF THE OTHERS TO BEHOLD THE DEVASTATION SPREAD OUT BELOW!
SO STARTLED ARE THESE MEN AND WOMEN OF MYSTERY, THAT THEY FORGET FOR AN INSTANT--
--THAT THEY, STREAKING DOWNWARD FROM THE SKY, MUST BE EQUALLY UNEXPECTED BY EXHAUSTED, ALREADY WAR-TORN FIGHTING-MEN ON THE GROUND--
--A FACT THE ALL-STARS ARE RUDELY REMINDED OF, WHEN SUDDENLY--
BTOOM!
HEY! THEY'RE FIRING AT US!
OUR OWN GUNS ARE FIRING AT US!!
THEY CAN'T SEE US CLEARLY ENOUGH TO REALIZE WE'RE NOT ENEMY PLANES, ATOM.
THEY SAW A WHOLE LOT OF THOSE, REMEMBER-- LESS THAN 24 HOURS AGO!

GOOD LORD! THOSE SHELLS ARE COMING CLOSE!
SPECTRE! COULD YOU--?
THIS AURA WILL PROTECT YOU WHO ARE NOT ALREADY SHIELDED, SIR JUSTIN...
FTOM!
...UNTIL I CAN DEAL WITH THOSE WHO FIRE UPON US.
HMMM... WITH HIS FANTASTIC POWERS, THE SPECTRE'S LIABLE TO DECIDE TO MELT THOSE GUNS BELOW... OR TURN THEM ALL INTO LOLLIPOPS.
THAT'D LEAVE PEARL HARBOR ALMOST DEFENSELESS! MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER IF--
THRAK
BSAW!
I'LL FLY DOWN AND CLUE THOSE ANTI-AIRCRAFT BOYS IN, ALL-STARS!
HELLO, DOWN THERE! I'M--:UHNNH!:
PHTO
SUPERMAN! YOU OKAY?
AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED, QUICK.
WHOMP
SOON AS MY HEAD STOPS RINGING, I'LL MAKE ANOTHER STAB AT IT.*
*THE EARTH-TWO SUPERMAN IS NOT AS INVULNERABLE AS HIS EARTH-ONE COUNTERPART. --LEN.
CRIPES! WHAT KIND'A PLANES ARE THE NIPS THROWIN' AT US NOW?
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SWEAR IT'S JUST A BUNCH'A FLYIN' MEN-- AND ONE WINGED HORSE!
ALL I KNOW IS, I'M KEEPIN' THIS SEARCHLIGHT TRAINED ON 'EM TILL WE EITHER IDENTIFY 'EM--OR BLAST 'EM OUT OF THE SKY!
DON'T WORRY, WONDER WOMAN! THESE SHELLS WON'T DAMAGE YOUR INVISIBLE PLANE.
UH--GLAD TO HEAR IT, SUPERMAN.
THOUGH, ACTUALLY, MY PLANE'S PROBABLY ABOUT AS SHELLPROOF AS YOUR BODY, FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN!
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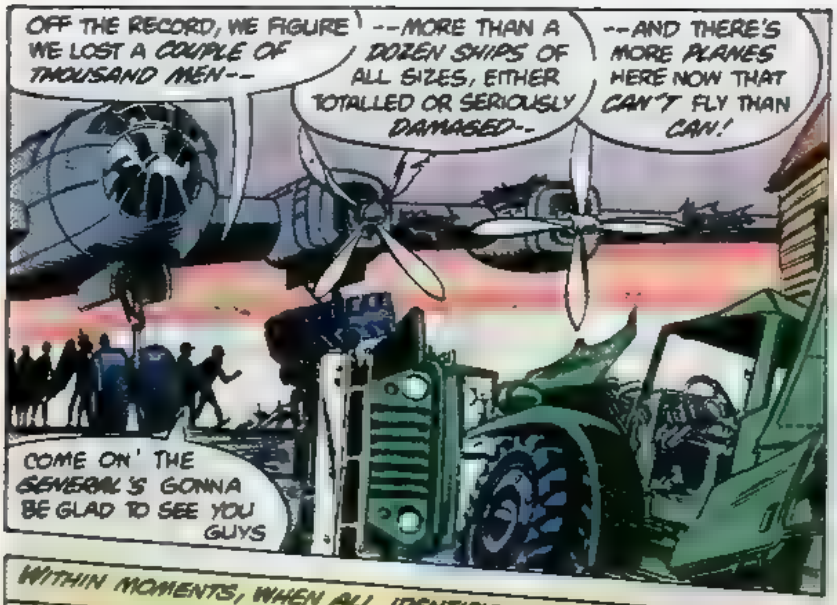
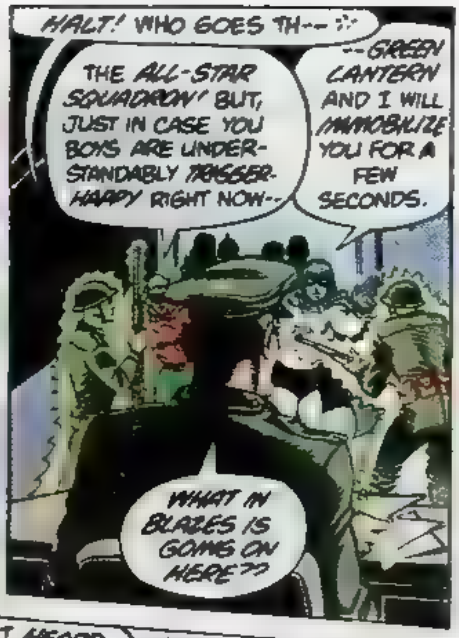
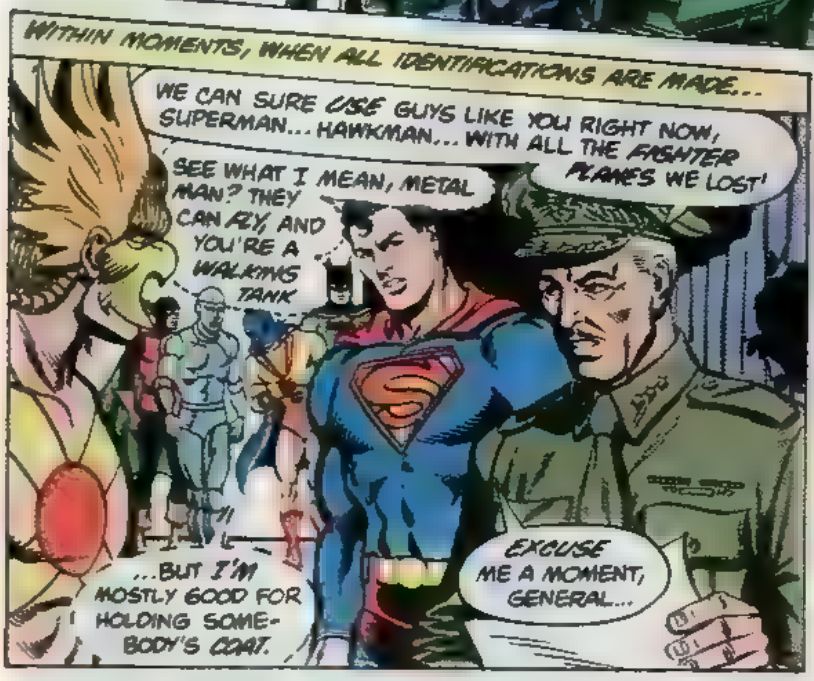
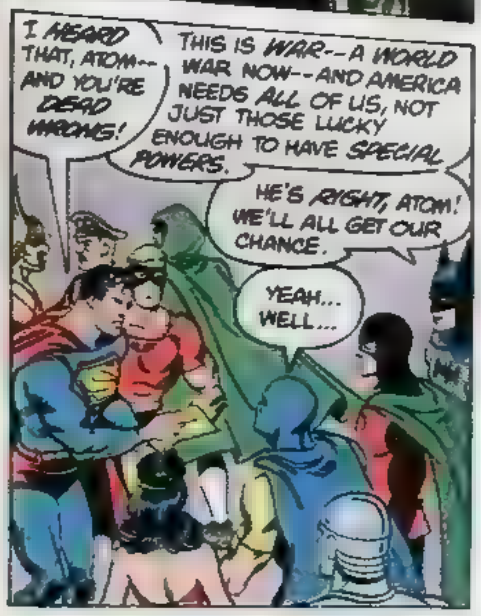
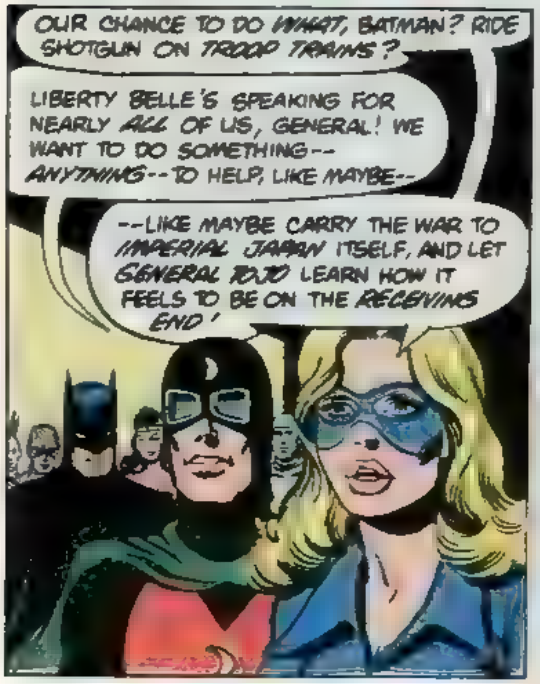

OFF THE RECORD, WE FIGURE WE LOST A COUPLE OF THOUSAND MEN--
--MORE THAN A DOZEN SHIPS OF ALL SIZES, EITHER TOTALLED OR SERIOUSLY DAMAGED--
--AND THERE'S MORE PLANES HERE NOW THAT CAN'T FLY THAN CAN!
COME ON' THE GENERAL'S GONNA BE GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS


HALT! WHO GOES TH--
THE ALL-STAR SQUADRON' BUT, JUST IN CASE YOU BOYS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY TRIGGER-HAPPY RIGHT NOW--
--GREEN LANTERN AND I WILL IMMOBILIZE YOU FOR A FEW SECONDS.
WHAT IN BLAZES IS GOING ON HERE??


WITHIN MOMENTS, WHEN ALL IDENTIFICATIONS ARE MADE...
WE CAN SURE USE GUYS LIKE YOU RIGHT NOW, SUPERMAN... HAWKMAN... WITH ALL THE FIGHTER PLANES WE LOST!
SEE WHAT I MEAN, METAL MAN? THEY CAN FLY, AND YOU'RE A WALKING TANK
...BUT I'M MOSTLY GOOD FOR HOLDING SOMEBODY'S COAT.
EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, GENERAL...


I HEARD THAT, ATOM-- AND YOU'RE DEAD WRONG!
THIS IS WAR--A WORLD WAR NOW--AND AMERICA NEEDS ALL OF US, NOT JUST THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE SPECIAL POWERS.
HE'S RIGHT, ATOM! WE'LL ALL GET OUR CHANCE.
YEAH... WELL...


OUR CHANCE TO DO WHAT, BATMAN? RIDE SHOTGUN ON TROOP TRAINS?
LIBERTY BELLE'S SPEAKING FOR NEARLY ALL OF US, GENERAL! WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING-- ANYTHING--TO HELP, LIKE MAYBE--
--LIKE MAYBE CARRY THE WAR TO IMPERIAL JAPAN ITSELF, AND LET GENERAL TOJO LEARN HOW IT FEELS TO BE ON THE RECEIVING END!

STRONG WORDS-- BUT FROM WHAT HAWKMAN'S TOLD ME, DOESN'T THE PRESIDENT WANT YOU COSTUMED HEROES TO STICK TO THE HOME FRONT?
AND WE WERE READY TO--TILL WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED HERE!
YEAH! WE'RE ALL ITCHING FOR REVENGE--

--AND RIGHT NOW, I FEEL LIKE I COULD TAKE ON THE WHOLE NIP NAVY SINGLE-HANDED!
IF YOU COULD FIND IT!
WE COULD, GENERAL!
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, IF WE COULD END THIS WAR, AND END IT NOW --TODAY--
--THINK OF ALL THE LIVES WE'D SAVE!

HOLD IT A MINUTE, ALL OF YOU! I'M AS EAGER TO GET BACK AT THE AXIS AS ANY OF YOU--BUT AREN'T WE JUMPING THE GUN?
CONGRESS HASN'T EVEN OFFICIALLY DECLARED WAR YET!
MAYBE WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL--
"DECLARE WAR"? THE ENEMY DID THAT YESTERDAY MORNING, REMEMBER--WITH BOMBS AND TORPEDOS!
YOU STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR THE LEGAL NICETIES, IF THAT'S YOUR STYLE!
I'M FOR FINDING THE NIP FLEET THAT LAUNCHED THIS SNEAK ATTACK, AND SENDING IT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PACIFIC!
WELL? WHAT SAY YOU --JUSTICE SOCIETY, ALL-STAR SQUADRON, OR WHATEVER?--
ALL IN FAVOR OF SMASHING THAT FLEET, AND MAYBE ENDING THIS WAR RIGHT NOW, SAY--
AYE!
SEE? WHO SAID DEMOCRACY'S TOO SLOW TO RESPOND TO A CRISIS?
I'LL GLADLY GO WITH YOU, IF YOU WANT--BUT THE GENERAL'S ASKED THAT A FEW OF US GROUNDLINGS STAY HERE AND GUARD AGAINST SABOTAGE.
HE'S RIGHT, FLASH--BUT WE'LL MANAGE! HOW ABOUT YOU, HAWKMAN?
YEAH--NOBODY BUT ME!
COUNT ME IN!
YOU KNOW NOBODY'LL HOLD IT AGAINST YOU IF YOU DON'T--
BUT, AS JSA CHAIRMAN, I HEREBY APPOINT STARMAN TO STAY HERE AND MAINTAIN AN AERIAL PRESENCE FOR THE ALL-STAR SQUADRON
YOU'RE GETTING YOUR GROUPS A BIT MIXED, HAWK--BUT I CAN SEE HOW IT'D BE GOOD TO HAVE SOMEBODY STAY HERE WHO CAN FLY UNDER HIS OWN STEAM.
WHAT'S MORE, MY GRAVITY ROD'LL PROTECT ME FROM POT-SHOTS.
THEN, I'VE NOTHING TO ADD--EXCEPT THAT WE FIGURE THE ATTACKING PLANES MUST'VE COME OFF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS SOMEWHERE TO THE NORTH.
THAT'S ALL WE NEED TO KNOW, GENERAL. . AND THANKS.
WELL, WE'D BETTER GET CRACKING!
GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD, HAWKMAN.
I CAN'T WAIT TO GET AT THOSE DIRTY--!
YOU WON'T HAVE TO, ATOM!
BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SHINING KNIGHT AND HIS LADY-FRIEND?
THEY'RE OKAY, LANTERN! LET 'EM BE!
NEXT STOP--THE NIP FLEET!
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WHILE, AT NEARBY WHEELER FIELD...
IT'S AWFUL, SIR JUSTIN! ALL THOSE PLANES--DESTROYED ON THE GROUND!
WHY WERE THEY JUST LINED UP LIKE THAT--SITTING DUCKS FOR ENEMY FIRE?
AS I DID HEAR IT, LASS.
...DISPATCHES FROM WASHINGTON HAD WARNED THESE ISLES TO BE WARY OF SABOTAGE, NOT A FULL-SCALE ATTACK.
THUS, THE PLANES WERE PLACED IN ROWS, TO MAKE THEM EASIER TO GUARD.
DOWN, WINGED VICTORY!
I BEEN ON DUTY TOO LONG!
IS THAT THE HOSPITAL YOU LEARNED ABOUT--THE ONE WHERE MY BROTHER ROD WAS TAKEN?
AYE! BUT I BEG OF YOU, EXPECT NOT TOO MUCH... FOR THIS BE WAR NOW...
...AND IN ANY WAR, IN KING ARTHUR'S DAY OR IN THIS...
...MEN DIE, AND WOMEN WEEP.
YOU DON'T SEE ME WEEPING, SIR JUSTIN.
NAY, DANETTE REILLY... YOU BE MADE OF STERN MATTER, INDEED.
YET, BE NOT ASHAMED OF TEARS, IF TEARS DO COME... FOR THEY ARE THE STUFF THAT HEALING IS MADE OF.
HALT! WHO GOES THERE?
I AM CALLED... THE SHINING KNIGHT.
OH YEAH--ADMIRAL KIMMEL CALLED AHEAD THAT YOU WERE COMING.
SORRY I CAN'T HELP YOU LOCATE ANYBODY IN PARTICULAR, BUT...
A NAVY ENSIGN SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO FIND HERE, SOLDIER.
LASS, I DO PRAY THAT--
WHAT'S WRONG?
DOUBTLESS NOTHING..
...YET YOU SEEM WARMER TO THE TOUCH THAN YOU SHOULD.
I BUT WISH WE DID RECALL WHAT OCCURRED LAST NIGHT, AFTER I DID SPY YOU ON THAT VOLCANIC ISLE
DR. MID-NITE GAVE ME A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH, REMEMBER?
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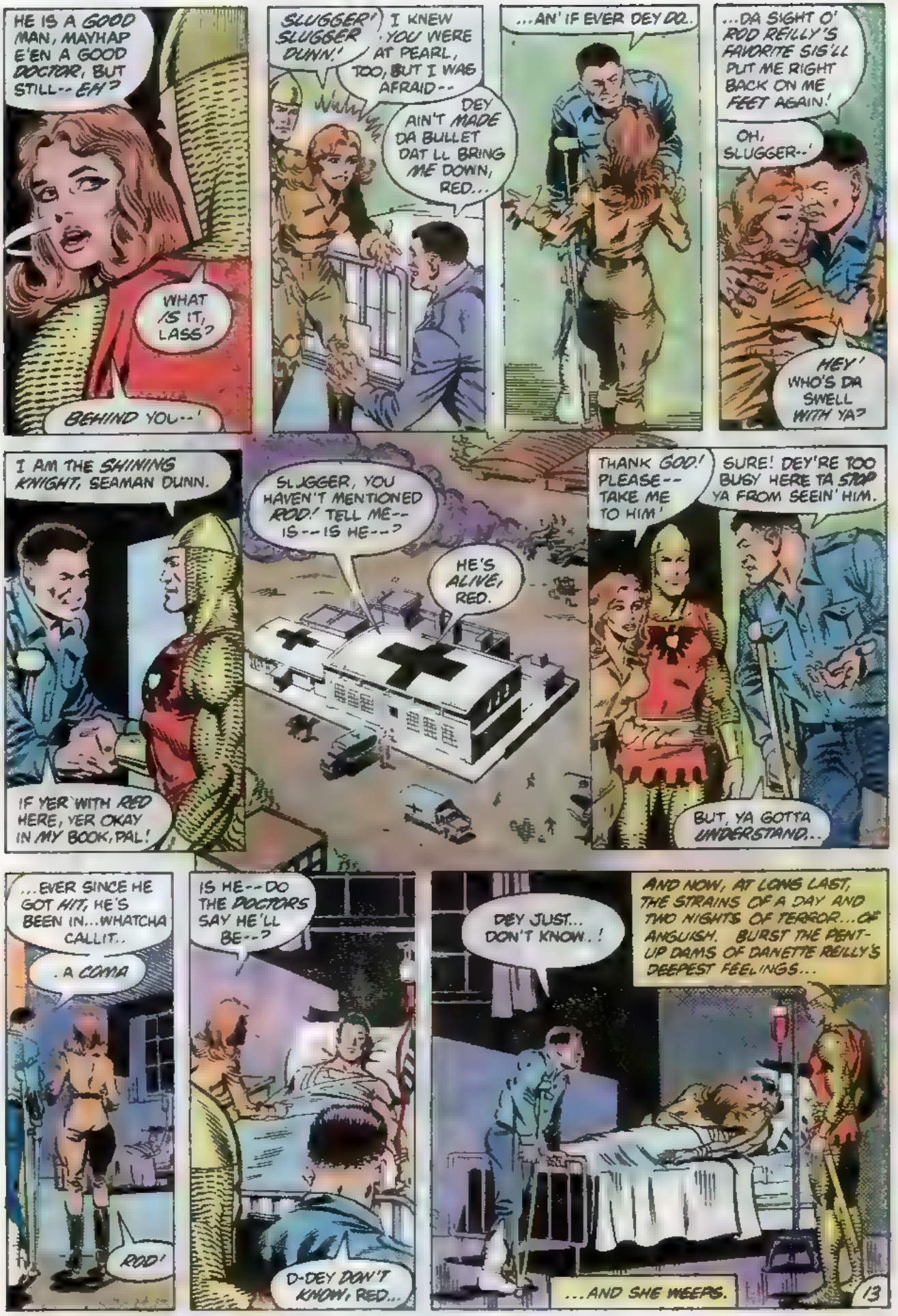
HE IS A GOOD MAN, MAYHAP E'EN A GOOD DOCTOR, BUT STILL-- EH?
WHAT IS IT, LASS?
BEHIND YOU--'
SLUGGER! SLUGGER DUNN!
I KNEW YOU WERE AT PEARL, TOO, BUT I WAS AFRAID--
DEY AIN'T MADE DA BULLET DAT LL BRING ME DOWN, RED...
...AN' IF EVER DEY DO..
...DA SIGHT O' ROD REILLY'S FAVORITE SIS'LL PUT ME RIGHT BACK ON ME FEET AGAIN!
OH, SLUGGER--'
HEY! WHO'S DA SWELL WITH YA?
I AM THE SHINING KNIGHT, SEAMAN DUNN.
IF YER WITH RED HERE, YER OKAY IN MY BOOK, PAL!
SLUGGER, YOU HAVEN'T MENTIONED ROD! TELL ME-- IS--IS HE--?
HE'S ALIVE, RED.
THANK GOD! PLEASE-- TAKE ME TO HIM!
SURE! DEY'RE TOO BUSY HERE TA STOP YA FROM SEEIN' HIM.
BUT, YA GOTTA UNDERSTAND...
...EVER SINCE HE GOT HIT, HE'S BEEN IN...WHATCHA CALLIT..
. A COMA
ROD!
IS HE--DO THE DOCTORS SAY HE'LL BE--?
D-DEY DON'T KNOW, RED...
DEY JUST... DON'T KNOW..!
AND NOW, AT LONG LAST, THE STRAINS OF A DAY AND TWO NIGHTS OF TERROR...OF ANGUISH. BURST THE PENT-UP DAMS OF DANETTE REILLY'S DEEPEST FEELINGS...
...AND SHE WEEPS.
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CHAPTER THREE
WHAT PRICE VENGEANCE?
TWELVE OF US -- WITH JOHNNY'S THUNDERBOLT MAKING A BAKER'S DOZEN!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR POWERS LIKE YOURS AND SUPERMAN'S, SPECTRE -- I'D FIGURE WE WERE ON A SUICIDE MISSION.
I KNOW YOU WELL, HAWKMAN
YOU WOULD HAVE COME WITH US -- EVEN UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.
WISH I COULD BE OF MORE HELP THESE DAYS, SUPERMAN --
BUT HAVE YOU OR THE SPECTRE HAD ANY LUCK LOCATING THE JAPANESE FLEET?
NONE, FATE -- AND FRANKLY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT
HUNDREDS OF ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED PEARL -- WHICH MEANS AT LEAST SEVERAL AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, PLUS A DOZEN OR SO OTHER SUPPORT CRAFT.
A FLEET THAT SIZE COULDN'T JUST DISAPPEAR -- NOR COULD IT POSSIBLY BE MORE THAN A FEW HUNDRED MILES FROM HAWAII, EVEN NOW!
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WHAT'S WRONG, SPECTRE?
I CAN'T EXACTLY SAY YOU'RE LOOKING PALER THAN USUAL, BUT--
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, GUYS? WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
WELL, WE'RE NOT THAT FAR FROM WAKE ISLAND--THE HALFWAY POINT BETWEEN HAWAII AND JAPAN.
JUST. A FEELING I'VE HAD, DR FATE SINCE YOU AND I WERE TRICKED INTO COLLIDING BY YOUR OLD FOE WOTAN.
I'M CERTAIN IT WILL PASS
THAT'S RIGHT! DIDN'T THE PRESIDENT SAY OUR BASE THERE WAS BEING ATTACKED, TOO?
CHECK--ALONG WITH GUAM AND THE PHILIPPINES!
AS LONG AS WE'RE HERE, I VOTE WE GIVE THE ARMY AND NAVY A HAND AT WAKE--
FOR A LATE CONVERT, HAWKMAN, YOU'RE CERTAINLY GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS
--THEN PAY OUR LITTLE VISIT TO THE SONS OF HEAVEN ON THEIR HOME GROUND.
WAKE IT IS!
NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!
NOT TO MENTION A BIG FAT SCOOP FOR YOUR SYNDICATED COLUMN, HUH, LIBBY?
LISTEN, MOTOR-MOUTH...IF YOU THINK MY PATRIOTISM'S FUELED BY MONEY--!
HE'S JUST LETTING OFF STEAM, LIBERTY BELLE.
LET'S NOT SQUABBLE AMONG OURSELVES AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
IN CASE ANYONE'S INTERESTED, WE JUST PASSED THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE--AND IT'S NOW TOMORROW
A TOMORROW THE NIPPONESE WILL SOON HAVE CAUSE TO REGRET!

MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, MIDWAY BETWEEN THE WESTWARD-SWEEPING ALL-STARS AND WAKE ISLAND, THERE LIES ANOTHER ISLAND.. A VERY SMALL ONE
TO THE CASUAL OBSERVER IT WOULD APPEAR BALMY... DESERTED... PEACEFUL.
THAT OBSERVER WOULD BE SORELY MISTAKEN
FOR, IF HE WERE TO PEER A BIT MORE CLOSELY, HE WOULD NOTICE A WELL-CAMOUFLAGED BUNKER AMONG THE FRONDS AND PALM TREES.
...A JAPANESE BUNKER:
IN THE EMPEROR'S NAME-- WHAT IS HE DOING IN THERE?
SILENCE! SUCH QUESTIONING IS TREASON *
* TRANSLATED BY LINGUISTIC LEN.
SHHH-- HE COMES, FINALLY! THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT HIM... THAT MAKES ME ALMOST WISH HE DID NOT.
I HUMBLY THANK YOU, OFFICERS, FOR BEING PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE COMMANDS OF--
--THE DRAGON KING!
I APPOLOGIZE FOR ANY UNSEEMLY DELAYS...
BUT ALL IS, AT LAST, IN READINESS.
ENTER.
YES, DRAGON KING.
IT'S BUT A ROOM CROWDED WITH GADSETS!
GADSETS, FOOL, WHICH SOON WILL RENDER THE ENTIRE JAPANESE EMPIRE SAFE--
--FROM THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBERS OF AMERICA'S SO-CALLED JUSTICE SOCIETY!
DOES THAT MEAN-- THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THE YANKEE CHAMPIONS WILL SOON ATTACK THE EMPIRE?
THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT RISK, COLONEL-- SINCE THE MOMENT, MONTHS AGO, WHEN PREMIER TOJO AND ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH A SURPRISE ASSAULT UPON HAWAII.
MORE I HAVE LEARNED, THROUGH MY SPIES, THAT SUPERMAN AND OTHERS OF HIS ILK LEFT PEARL HARBOR NOT LONG AGO BOUND NORTH AND WEST
THEY ARE SEEKING, OF COURSE, THE IMPERIAL FLEET--
--AND SWEET REVENGE!
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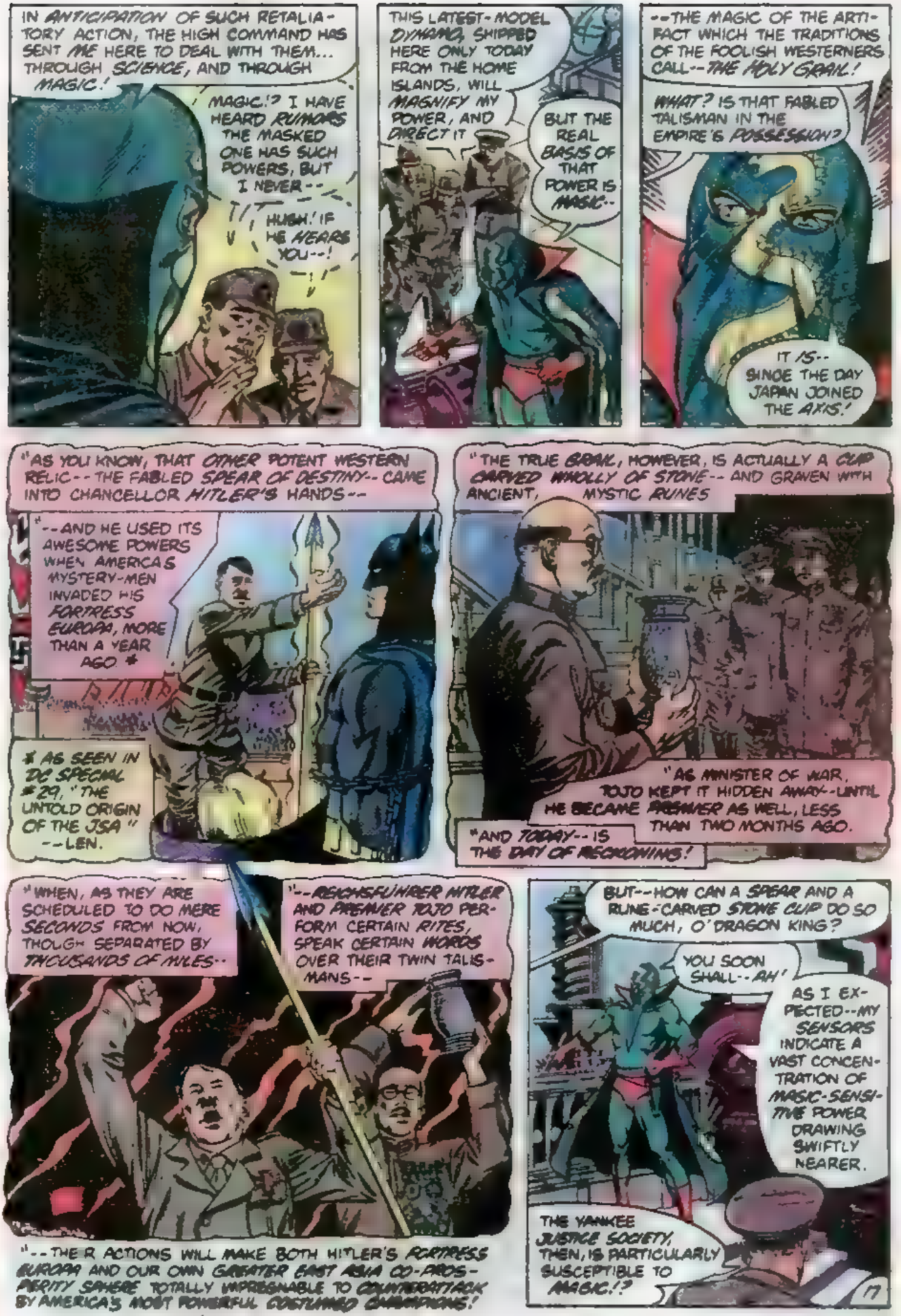
IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH RETALIATORY ACTION, THE HIGH COMMAND HAS SENT ME HERE TO DEAL WITH THEM... THROUGH SCIENCE, AND THROUGH MAGIC!
MAGIC!? I HAVE HEARD RUMORS THE MASKED ONE HAS SUCH POWERS, BUT I NEVER--
HUSH! IF HE HEARS YOU--!
THIS LATEST-MODEL DYNAMO, SHIPPED HERE ONLY TODAY FROM THE HOME ISLANDS, WILL MAGNIFY MY POWER, AND DIRECT IT
BUT THE REAL BASIS OF THAT POWER IS MAGIC--
--THE MAGIC OF THE ARTIFACT WHICH THE TRADITIONS OF THE FOOLISH WESTERNERS CALL--THE HOLY GRAIL!
WHAT? IS THAT FABLED TALISMAN IN THE EMPIRE'S POSSESSION?
IT IS-- SINCE THE DAY JAPAN JOINED THE AXIS!
"AS YOU KNOW, THAT OTHER POTENT WESTERN RELIC--THE FABLED SPEAR OF DESTINY--CAME INTO CHANCELLOR HITLER'S HANDS--
"--AND HE USED ITS AWESOME POWERS WHEN AMERICA'S MYSTERY-MEN INVADED HIS FORTRESS EUROPA, MORE THAN A YEAR AGO *
* AS SEEN IN DC SPECIAL #29, "THE UNTOLD ORIGIN OF THE JSA" --LEN.
"THE TRUE GRAIL, HOWEVER, IS ACTUALLY A CUP CARVED WHOLLY OF STONE-- AND GRAVEN WITH ANCIENT, MYSTIC RUNES
"AS MINISTER OF WAR, TOJO KEPT IT HIDDEN AWAY--UNTIL HE BECAME PREMIER AS WELL, LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AGO.
"AND TODAY--IS THE DAY OF RECKONING!
"WHEN, AS THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO DO MERE SECONDS FROM NOW, THOUGH SEPARATED BY THOUSANDS OF MILES--
"--REICHSFUHRER HITLER AND PREMIER TOJO PERFORM CERTAIN RITES, SPEAK CERTAIN WORDS OVER THEIR TWIN TALISMANS--
"--THEIR ACTIONS WILL MAKE BOTH HITLER'S FORTRESS EUROPA AND OUR OWN GREATER EAST ASIA CO-PROSPERITY SPHERE TOTALLY IMPREGNABLE TO COUNTERATTACK BY AMERICA'S MOST POWERFUL COSTUMED CHAMPIONS!
BUT--HOW CAN A SPEAR AND A RUNE-CARVED STONE CUP DO SO MUCH, O' DRAGON KING?
YOU SOON SHALL--AH!
AS I EXPECTED--MY SENSORS INDICATE A VAST CONCENTRATION OF MAGIC-SENSITIVE POWER DRAWING SWIFTLY NEARER.
THE YANKEE JUSTICE SOCIETY, THEN, IS PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO MAGIC!?
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NOT ALL OF THEM, FOOL--BUT, AS IT HAPPENS, THE MOST POWERFUL ONES!
AND, IF A CHAIN'S STRONGEST LINKS BE BROKEN--CAN THE WEAKER ONES HOPE TO HOLD?
AH, THERE THEY ARE!
YOU MEAN--WE WILL DESTROY THOSE MASKED ONES?
NO! RATHER, WE SHALL MAKE THEM SERVE US--AGAINST THEIR OWN COUNTRY, AND ALL ITS ALLIES.
FROM THE HOME ISLES TO WAKE ISLAND AND BEYOND--NO ONE WILL DARE ATTACK US, AFTER TODAY!
THEN, I SHALL BE SUPREME IN ALL JAPAN, THIRD ONLY TO THE EMPEROR HIMSELF, AND TO THE PREMIER!
BUT--WHAT OF THE BLACK DRAGON SOCIETY, FROM WHOSE ROBED LOINS YOU SPRANG?
NO MAN IN JAPAN TODAY CAN AFFORD TO IGNORE--
DO NOT MENTION TO ME AGAIN, GENERAL-SAN, THE INEFFECTUAL LACKEYS OF THE BLACK DRAGON SOCIETY--
--IF YOU WISH TO SEE CHERRY BLOSSOMS IN BLOOM AGAIN!
N-NO, DRAGON KING! I SHALL NOT!
GOOD! THEN, STAND YOU BACK!--
FOR, AT THIS VERY INSTANT, IN TOKYO, PREMIER TOJO SHOULD BE COMPLETING THE--YES!
DO YOU FEEL, DOUBTING ONES? DO YOU FEEL THE POWER OF THE GRAIL-STONE?
DO YOU FEEL IT ACTIVATING THIS UNCONQUERABLE DYNAMO--SENDING INVISIBLE, INAUDIBLE VIBRATIONS OF FORCE--WAVES OF ENERGY--THROUGH THESE WALLS, INTO THE VERY ETHER--
--TO TRANSFORM THE GREATEST, MOST DEDICATED FOES OF THE NIPPONESE EMPIRE--
--INTO ITS MOST DEADLY AND UNSTOPPABLE WARRIORS??
AND FEEL IT THEY DO!
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YET, A FEW MILES NORTHEAST, IT IS OTHER, MORE COLORFUL FIGURES WHO RECEIVE THE VIBRATIONS' FULL, UNDILUTED EFFECT, AS...
THEN, BEFORE WE FLY ON TO WAKE, LET'S -- HUH?
YOU SAY THERE'S A HIDDEN ENEMY BUNKER ON THAT ISLAND UP AHEAD, SUPERMAN?
DO YOU GUYS FEEL SOMETHING --LIKE A MILD ELECTRICAL SHOCK GOING THROUGH YOU--MAKING YOU TINGLE?
MILD, HAWKMAN? TO ME, IT'S MORE LIKE SHOCK THERAPY--- MAKING ME--DIZZY!
I FEEL-- MUCH THE SAME!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING! WE'RE COMING TO OUR SENSES, THAT'S WHAT--REALIZING WE'RE FIGHTING ON THE WRONG SIDE IN THIS WAR!
YEAH, RIGHT!
HUH??
ALL-STARS! I CAN SENSE THE SAME DIZZINESS OF WHICH SUPERMAN SPOKE --AND THE BEGINNINGS OF HATRED FOR AMERICANS!
IT MUST BE THOSE NUTTY RAYS! THE NIPS BELOW ARE BRAINWASHING THEM SOME-HOW. THEN-- WHY DID ME FEEL ONLY THE MILDEST SENSATIONS?
WAIT! LISTEN TO ME, GL...
YOU'LL FEEL PLENTY, ROBOTMAN-- WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU!
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU AND THE OTHERS-- OUR STRONGEST MEMBERS-- SHOULD BE AFFECTED SO STRANGELY, WHEN WE'RE NOT--
BUT IF YOU'VE ANY DOUBTS AS TO WHICH SIDE'S THE AGGRESSOR HERE--!
I'VE NO SUCH DOUBTS!
IT'S AMERICA-- AND THE ALL-STAR SQUADRON!
HAWK! LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MIDNITE? IT'S ONLY DOCTOR FATE!
I AM YOUR FATE, HAWKMAN--YOURS, AND AMERICA'S.
AND THAT DESTINY, UNLESS YOU TURN BACK AT ONCE--IS DEATH!
YOU'RE CRAZY! THAT ELECTRICAL TINGLING MUST HAVE FRIED YOUR BRAIN TO--
I AM MY OWN MASTER--AS I SOON SHALL BE YOURS.
SURE, THAT'S IT! THE ENEMY'S TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR MIND, SOMEHOW!
TAKE THE LESSER HEROES DOWN, GREEN LANTERN--
--DOWN TO THEIR DOOM!
GOOD LORD! YOU REALLY MEAN IT!
THEN I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO--
NO SO' FATE MAY HAVE LOST HIS MAGICAL POWERS IN RECENT MONTHS--BUT HE'S STILL AS SEMI-INVULNERABLE AS EVER.
I CAN STUN HIM--SLOW HIM DOWN--BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT'
HERE YOU ARE--SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED!
HUH? DELIVERED--TO WHOM?
TO THEM, LIBBY--
TO THEM!
BANZAI!
JAPANESE SOLDIERS--RUSHING TOWARD US FROM THAT CAMOUFLAGED SHACK!
AND WE CAN'T EVEN DEFEND OURSELVES--BECAUSE WE'RE TRAPPED INSIDE GREEN LANTERN'S RING-SPHERE!
WORSE, LIBERTY BELLE--THAT'S THE WAY THE LANTERN INTENDED IT!
THIS IS BAD! MY METAL BODY WILL PROTECT ME FOR A WHILE, BUT--!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH US, SPECTRE? PART OF ME WANTS TO HELP THOSE FIVE—THE REST OF ME WANTS TO SEE THEM DIE!
YOU, WONDER WOMAN, AND I ARE NOT MORTAL HUMANS, MY FRIEND SO WE HAVE MORE RESISTANCE THAN GREEN LANTERN HAD—
—BUT WE TOO WILL SOON PASS UNDER THE SPELL OF THOSE STRANGE EMANATIONS, I SUSPECT
I SENSE YOU'RE RIGHT! AND WHEN WE DO—
—WE'LL BECOME THE MOST DEADLY FOES AMERICA COULD HAVE!
SAVE YOUR PUNCHES, ATOM! YOU'LL GET OUT WHEN I WANT YOU TO.
JUST IN TIME TO GET SHOT DOWN!
DOC—DOESN'T THAT RING OF HIS HAVE ANY WEAKNESSES?
WEAK—? I BELIEVE HE TOLD ME ONCE IT HAS NO CONTROL OVER WOOD, BUT THAT'S ALL I—
IF YOU'RE RIGHT—IT'S ENOUGH!
WHAT'S WITH YOU, LADY? YOU PLANNING TO FIGHT THOSE CHARGING NIPS WITH TOOTHPICKS?
NOT THEM—BUT DOC MUST BE RIGHT
WHEN WE LANDED, THIS PIECE OF DRIFTWOOD GOT INSIDE THIS BUBBLE, WITH NO PROBLEM AT ALL—
—SO MAYBE IT'LL TAKE OUT GREEN LANTERN, AND—
WELL, WHADDA YA KNOW!
THOK
UNNNH—!
AS THE EMERALD GLADIATOR FALLS, STUNNED, HIS RING-AURA INSTANTLY DISSI-PATES—
AND, IF ONE MAN OF SYMBOLIC STEEL IS OF NO HELP, BEING TORN BY RIVAL FORCES WAGING THEIR OWN WAR WITHIN HIS MIND—
—A DIFFERENT MAN OF METAL IS RIGHT THERE!
KEEP BEHIND ME AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, PEOPLE!
BLAM!
BTAM!
BLAMM
IT WOULD TAKE MORE THAN SMALL-ARMS FIRE TO DO ROBOTMAN ANY REAL DAMAGE.
BUT, BY THE TIME THESE GUYS FIGURE THAT OUT—
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--WE'LL BE PICKING CHRYSANTHEMUMS IN THE IMPERIAL GARDENS!
SKRAPP!
IN THE MEANTIME, MAYBE A LITTLE ARTIFICIALLY-INDUCED SUNSET IS WHAT YOU SONS OF THE RISING SUN NEED EH?
HUMF!
WELL, ATOM? STILL FEELING LIKE A FIFTH WHEEL?
WHATEVER DEVILTRY THESE GUYS'VE COOKED UP, IT'S AFFECTED THE MOST POWERFUL OF US--
--BUT US "LITTLE GUYS" ARE STILL IN THERE KICKING!
HAMM.. NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT--!
THROK!
HEY, DOC! HOW'RE YOU DOING BACK THERE IN THE DARK?
SLAM!
OH, ABOUT AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED-- THANKS FOR ASKING!
WHOK!
MAYBE I SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO OUR CHARMING HOSTS FOR NOT FACING THEIR GUNS AND BAYONETS OUT IN THE OPEN--
--BUT THEN, I HAVEN'T EXACTLY HEARD ANYBODY APOLOGIZE FOR PEARL HARBOR, EITHER!
SOKK
BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH WITH 'EM, DOC--THEY JUST MIGHT!
HEY, LOOK AT JOHNNY QUICK! HE'S A ONE-MAN COMMANDO SQUAD!
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THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, MIGHTY MITE.
I'M KINDA SORRY THE FLASH PULLED SENTRY DUTY BACK ON OAHU, THOUGH.
I'D HAVE LIKED TO FIND OUT WHICH OF US COULD'VE TAKEN OUT THESE JOKERS THE FASTEST.
NO MATTER WHICH OF US WOULD'VE WON, THOUGH--
--THIS BUNCH OF FOUL-UPS WOULD HAVE LOST!
LOST, QUICK? PERHAPS THIS MINOR SKIRMISH MIGHT SEEM THAT WAY--
--BUT THE FORCES OF THE ENIGMATIC DRAGON KING MAY BE ABOUT TO WIN THE ALL-IMPORTANT WAR!
SAY YOU, THUNDERBOLT! MAKE TRACKS FOR WAKE ISLAND!
WE'LL MOP UP THE AMERICAN GARRISON THERE--BEFORE YOU CAN SAY JACK ARMSTRONG!
X-YES, MASTER JOHN.
THOSE EMANATIONS THAT HIT US--THEY'VE COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER MASTER JOHN.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO BUT OBEY--
SPECTRE! C-CAN'T YOU--?
NO, MAN OF STEEL--AND NEITHER CAN YOU!
--AND HEAVEN HELP ANY AMERICANS ON WAKE WHO GET IN OUR WAY!
I HEAR YOU EASTERN TYPES LIKE FIGHTING WITH YOUR FEET.
WELL, I'M NOT TOO BAD AT THAT MYSELF... SEE?
BUT WE'RE STILL NOT GETTING ANYWHERE! AND IF SUPERMAN AND THE SPECTRE JUMP OFF THE WRONG SIDE OF THE FENCE--!
AS, ONLY YARDS AWAY...
DR. FATE--GREEN LANTERN--AND NOW JOHNNY THUNDER HAVE FALLEN PREY TO THE POWER OF THE GRAIL
YET, IT IS THE SPECTRE--SUPERMAN--AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, WONDER WOMAN, WHO ARE THE REAL KEYS TO MY PLAN'S SUCCESS.
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ALREADY, MY COLLEAGUE DR. DAKA HAS DONE HIS PART --BY MANAGING TO SHIELD OUR ESCAPING FLEET FROM THEIR HEIGHTENED SENSES. *
NOW, ONCE THE WILL-POWER OF THOSE THREE CRUMBLES...
...THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY WILL SERVE THE AXIS CAUSE!
BUT, GREAT ONE --HOW LONG WILL SUCH A SPELL INDUCE THEM TO FIGHT UPON OUR SIDE?
* MORE ABOUT THIS IN A NEAR-FUTURE ISSUE.--LEN.
HOW LONG? WHY, FROM THE INSTANT THEY PASS INTO THE ENERGY ZONE THE GRAIL AND I HAVE CREATED-- UNTIL THEY PASS OUT OF IT AGAIN!
AND THAT WILL BE-- NEVER!
THEN, EVEN IF WE CAN BUT NEUTRAL-IZE SUCH POWERFUL ONES, DRAGON KING-- IT WILL FREE US, AS WELL AS THE GERMANS AND ITALIANS, FROM HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR INTERFERENCE.
FOR THAT ALONE, THE EMPEROR AND HIS WAR CABINET WILL DOUBTLESS REWARD YOU A HUNDREDFOLD!
AYE, FOR HUGE AREAS OF THE WORLD WILL BE FOREVER DENIED TO THE ONLY MEN ON EARTH WHO CAN STAND AGAINST US.
WITHOUT THEIR HELP, WHAT CHANCE DO THE DECADENT DEMOCRACIES STAND--
--LET ALONE THE HATED RUSSIANS?
WAIT! WHAT'S THIS??
THE AMAZON'S WILL IS BROKEN AT LAST, IT SEEMS!
SHE FLIES AFTER THE THUNDERBOLT! THEN--WE HAVE HER!!
AS, SOME MILES DISTANT...
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE, HAWKMAN!
YOUR SPEED IS NO GREATER THAN MINE--YOUR ENDURANCE, FAR LESS!
YOU TALKED ME INTO IT, FATE.
IT'S NOT MY STYLE TO RUN FROM A FIGHT, ANYWAY--
--SO I'LL HAVE ANOTHER GO AT BEATING SOME SENSE INTO YOU!
YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN WHAT SLIGHT EFFECT YOUR MACE HAS ON ME.
NOW TO--UNNNH!
WAIT, HAWK-MAN! WAIT!
WHOM
WHY SHOULD I?
BECAUSE --SUDDENLY-- I NO LONGER FEEL LIKE FIGHTING YOU!
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GLAD TO HEAR IT, BUT WHAT--?
THOSE WAVES OF ENERGY WE FELT! THEY WORKED ON THOSE OF US MOST VULNERABLE TO MAGIC, SOMEHOW--BECAUSE MAGIC IS PART AND PARCEL OF OUR VERY ORIGINS.'
WE FLEW OUT OF RANGE--SO I CAME TO MY SENSES AGAIN.
I CAN'T GO BACK THERE--WITHOUT FALLING UNDER ALIEN CONTROL ONCE MORE!
THEN, BY ALL MEANS, DON'T! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
MEANWHILE, THE BRAIN WHICH ONCE BELONGED TO DR. ROBERT CRANE, SCIENTIST, HAS TIRED OF A PASSIVE ROLE...
YOU BOYS SEEM AWFULLY ANXIOUS--
KRAK
--TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM THAT RUM-SHACK OF YOURS.
THAT MUST MEAN THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT INSIDE--
AND SINCE, AGAINST THAT PAIR, I'D LAST ABOUT AS LONG AS A TIN HOUSE FACING A CAN OPENER--
--MAYBE EVEN THE ANSWER TO WHAT TURNED GREEN LANTERN AND THE OTHERS AGAINST US--AND MIGHT DO THE SAME TO SUPERMAN AND THE SPECTRE AT ANY MOMENT.
BRAM
--I THINK I'LL JUST HAVE A LOOK-SEE!
THRAMM
PLENTY OF MACHINERY--MUCH OF WHICH I JUST TURNED INTO SCRAP METAL!
NOBODY HERE--BUT, THAT PASSAGEWAY--
IT PROBABLY LEADS DOWN TO A HIDDEN SUB!
I WONDER IF WHOEVER WAS HERE HAD TIME TO BOOBY-TRAP THIS PLACE BEFORE THEY--
KA-WHOOM!
WELL. NOW I KNOW.
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THEN, EVEN AS THE SMOKE BEGINS TO CLEAR..
ROBOTMAN! MY GOD--YOUR ARM--!
DON'T WORRY, SPEED-KING. I'M FEELING NO PAIN.
BUT IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A SOLDERING-IRON ON YOU...!
WE'LL DIG YOU UP ONE IN A LITTLE WHILE, METAL MAN.
HAWKMAN! WHERE'S DR. FATE?
LATER.
GREEN LANTERN! BRING THESE OTHER CLOWNS AND FOLLOW ME--AND I'LL FIGHT YOU TO THE DEATH!
THAT WAY, YOU CAN GET US ALL AT ONCE!
HAWK, HAVE YOU GONE CRACKERS?
FIGHT YOU? YES--!
UH-OH! NOW WE'RE IN FOR IT!
--HE'S SADLY MISTAKEN!
ON THE CONTRARY, ALAN SCOTT--I WANT YOU TO CATCH ME--
IF HAWKMAN THINKS BRINGING YOU ALONG WILL SLOW ME DOWN MUCH--
-- JUST NOT TILL WE GET OUTSIDE THE RANGE OF THAT RAY, WHICH SEEMS TO STILL BE OPERATIVE, DESPITE THE EXPLOSION!
LOOK, SUPERMAN! THE LANTERN PURSUES HAWKMAN--WHO STILL SERVES THE ENEMY.
WHY HAVE WE BEEN STRUGGLING? OF COURSE WE MUST HELP THE AXIS CAUSE!
RIGHT! SO LET'S GO GET 'IM!
OH GREAT! I'D HOPED TO GET ONE OR TWO OF THEM AT A TIME ON MY TAIL--BUT IT SURE WON'T TAKE SUPERMAN OR THE SPECTRE LONG TO CATCH ME.
AND NOW I'VE CROSSED THE PATH OF JOHNNY'S THUNDERBOLT AND WONDER WOMAN, AS WELL!
THEY'RE ALL GAINING ON ME! ANOTHER FEW SECONDS, AND--
WAIT! THAT SHADOW LOOMING AHEAD OF ME--LOOKS LIKE THE FINISH--!
IT CAN ONLY BE SOME DEEP-SEATED, SUBCONSCIOUS HOLDING BACK ON THEIR PART THAT KEEPS ME FROM BECOMING FRIED CHICKENHAWK.
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AND, IN A SENSE, IT IS:
WHOA, HAWK! YOU CAN STOP SETTING SPEED RECORDS.
YOU'VE WON, ALREADY!
YOU MEAN-- I'M OUTSIDE THE ZONE YOU TOLD ME ABOUT?
TAKE A LOOK OVER YOUR SHOULDER, AND TELL ME--
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
GOOD LORD!
FEEL SO STRANGE-- AS IF HAWKINS UP--!
GREAT SCOTT! WE WERE CHASING HAWKMAN--TRYING TO KILL HIM!
THANK HEAVEN WE CAME TO OUR SENSES IN TIME!
WHEW! HAWKMAN'S QUITE A GUY, IN SPITE OF THAT NUTTY HELMET.
MISTER, YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT... YET.
...SO YOU SEE, WE CAN PROCEED NO FUTHER EAST!
AT LEAST FOR NOW.
IF WE DID-- WE'D BECOME SERVANTS OF THE AXIS.
BUT, IF THEY SET FOOT OUTSIDE THEIR SAFETY ZONE--
--POW!
NICELY PUT, SUPERMAN.
AS, NOT MANY MILES AWAY...
HONORABLE DRAGON KING--
WHY DO WE NOT INCREASE THE RANGE OF THE GRAIL'S POWER--
--AND TOTALLY SMASH AMERICA'S MIGHTIEST CHAMPIONS?
THERE ARE LIMITS TO OUR POWER, FOOL--FOR THE PRESENT.
YET, ONE DAY SOON, I SHALL CARRY THE BATTLE TO AMERICA'S OWN SHORES--
--AND SHOW HOW INSANE SHE WAS TO BELIEVE A MERE OCEAN WOULD PROTECT HER FROM AXIS ATTACK!
RIGHT NOW, HOWEVER, THE DE FACTO CHAIRMAN OF TWO GREAT SUPER-GROUPS HAS OTHER THINGS ON HIS MIND...
GOT TO HEAD DOWN TO THE YUCATAN-- BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS TO SHIERA!
BUT FIRST, I'VE GOT A BOMBSHELL OF MY OWN TO DROP--- ON BOTH THE JUSTICE SOCIETY--
--AND THE ALL-STAR SQUADRON!
NEXT ISSUE: THE FEATHERED SERPENT!
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